

HOUSE RESOLUTION 36

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jerry W. Johnson of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jerry W. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Johnson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a prominent businessman, Mr. Johnson was a co-founder of Agee and Johnson Realty and Auction in Lebanon, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a charter member of Temple Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, adult Sunday school teacher, and church treasurer; he was also a veteran Little League Baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Board of Directors of the Cedarcroft Home, and he was a member of the Gideons International and Optimist Club, which he had served as president of the local chapters; and

WHEREAS, a 1952 graduate of Gordonsville High School, Jerry Johnson worked as a livestock auctioneer and real estate agent before founding Agee and Johnson Realty and Auction with his partner Jim Agee, in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Johnson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-two years, Evelyn Gibbs Johnson, who preceded him in death, and they were the proud parents of three sons, Jimmy Johnson, married to Tammy; Kerry Johnson, married to Annie; and Kevin Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Jerry Johnson was also preceded in death by his parents, Jim B. and Ruby Lois Vantrease Johnson, and his brother, Lillard Wayne "Ozark" Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson is further survived by his brother, the Reverend Dickie Johnson, married to Dolores; sisters, Paulette Miller, married to Woody, and Kathy Belote, married to Jerry; grandchildren, Nena Taylor, married to J.R., Krystal, Rosa, and Elliot Johnson; and special caregiver and her family, Dora Johnson, married to Tim, Ryan, Alan and Sean Huffman, and Heather Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Jerry W. Johnson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jerry W. Johnson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Johnson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.